

# Willimantic, Danielson and Putnam

## WILLIMANTIC

**What is Going On Tonight**  
Willimantic Lodge, No. 129, A. B. S., 786 Main Street.  
Willimantic Clerks' Protective Association, 782 Main Street.  
Epiphany Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., Masonic Hall.  
Oyster-bake, Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., 807 Main Street.  
Regular Drill of Co. L, First C. N. G. Armory.

**SUES THREAD COMPANY.**  
Wasyk Knoch seeks \$2,000 damages for injuries—Company Not Under Compensation Act.

The American Thread company, which at the time the new Workmen's Compensation act went into effect refused to come under the act, has been sued for damages of \$2,000 by one of its employees, for injuries sustained at the company's plant here on March 21st. According to the act, the plaintiff, Wasyk Knoch, is in a better position than a wage worker under the previous condition of the law, as the company will not be able to avail itself of the old common law defense of fellow-servant, assumption of risk, and contributory negligence.

The injuries complained of are bruises on the left side, shoulder and neck, and internal injuries sustained by the starting of an elevator while the plaintiff was working on cleaning the walls of the shaft.

**FUNERALS.**  
Benjamin F. Wadsworth.  
Funeral services for Benjamin Francis Wadsworth were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the chapel of the Funeral Director Jay M. Shepard, Rev. William S. Beard officiating. There were many flowers and a large number of friends in attendance. Burial was in St. James cemetery, Glasbury, to which town the body was escorted by a delegation of Hartford Elks here on the arrival of the train in Elst Harford.

**Abbie K. Spencer.**  
The funeral of Abbie K. Spencer was held Wednesday morning from her home in North Coventry, the services being conducted by Rev. H. Bartlett, E. F. Cross of this city sang two hymns during the service. The bearers were W. B. Hawkins, O. C. Hall, F. W. Chase and William Baldwin. Burial was in the Coventry center cemetery, in charge of Undertaker Hiram N. Fenn.

**Only One "BROMO QUININE."**  
Whenever you feel a cold coming on, think of the BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. Grove on each box.

**REMOVAL.**  
I have removed my business from 32 Jackson Place to 521 Jackson Street, where I will pay the highest market prices for Cattle, Poultry, Veal, etc. Send postal card. Telephone connection.

**JAY M. SHEPARD**  
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Funeral Director and Embalmer  
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WILLIMANTIC, CONN.

**NEW SPRING MILLINERY**

We are showing an unusually pretty collection of New Spring Hats for Easter, trimmed with Wings, Ribbons and new Feather Pompons. Others colorfully decked out with flowers which are as equally attractive and every one moderately priced.

Hats for women and young girls, \$2.89, \$3.89, \$4.89, \$5.89 and \$6.89.  
Hats for children, 69c, 98c, \$1.39, \$1.89, \$2.39 and \$2.89.

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## MONTHLY MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Teachers Engaged for Coming Year—Report of Teachers' Committee Accepted.

The regular monthly meeting of the town school committee was held in the selectmen's rooms in the town building Wednesday evening.

The chief matter under discussion was the hiring of teachers for next year. The report of the teachers' committee, presented by Chairman Curtis Deane, was accepted. The report called for the rehiring of the present staff of teachers, with additions to the salary list totaling \$1,230.

Before the report of the teachers' committee was received Principal E. A. Case appeared before the committee in regard to the granting of a commercial diploma or certificate for the completion of the commercial course in the high school. His recommendation was that such diploma be given on the completion of three years in the high school and the commercial course, which may be taken during or after the three years. It will be necessary for the candidates to pass examinations such as are required by the United States civil service, comprising 40 words to a minute, with five word allowance for errors, in typewriting, and a 95 per cent. passing grade instead of 85 per cent. as at present.

The teachers who were engaged, with their salaries this year and for the coming year, will be found in the following list:

	1913-14	1914-15
E. A. Case	\$2,200	\$2,500
John L. Hurley	900	1,000
Kervin W. Reynolds	1,200	1,300
Donald S. Drysdale	1,000	1,100
Helen L. White	900	950
Anne M. Bass	850	900
Sadie A. Brown	800	850
Alice L. Halligan	850	900
Clarissa E. Davis	850	900
Theresa G. Turner	800	850
Bertha H. Norris	800	850
Hazel K. Miller	750	800
Amy L. Weeks	600	650
Marion B. Lincoln	650	700
<b>Natchaug School.</b>		
James L. Harroun	1,600	1,600
Hattie A. Jacobs	600	700
Helen Larkin	550	550
Marguerite McBlond	520	550
Caroline J. Colgrove	550	550
Frances T. O'Neill	550	550
Inez M. Brown	550	550
Kathleen M. Carey	550	550
Hazel M. Backus	480	480
Grace Vall	440	480
F. Maude Gardner	480	520
<b>Winthrop Center School.</b>		
Maria L. Morrison	480	480
Mary L. Sullivan	350	350
Julia Dunleavy	550	550
<b>North Windham School.</b>		
Ethel Odgers	440	480
Edith Willett	550	550
<b>Drawing and Sewing.</b>		
Ruth F. Gough	650	650
<b>Manual Training.</b>		
Sherwood B. Doolittle	600	600
<b>Music.</b>		
Charles H. Caswell	800	800

**On the Suwanee River.**  
On the Suwanee River was the title of the play given by the popular Edward Doyle company at the Loomer opera house Wednesday night, and it was the first presentation of the play at popular prices. Wanda, the lost none of her drawing power, and the vaudeville pleasures.

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## DANIELSON.

**John Burns Found Dying—Demand for Rebuilding of East Killingly School-house—Prisoner Kicks Officer and Gets Jail Sentence—Highway Commissioner Bennett Explains Road Construction Plans.**

Rev. C. H. Barber conducted the union services in the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

John C. Burns of Webster, Robert Burns of New York, Miss Kathleen Burns of Hartford and Mark Burns of New London were present. Monday by the death of their father, John Burns, of Mechanic street.

Mrs. C. A. Russell is now gaining strength after an operation for appendicitis performed a few weeks ago.

**Mail Unclaimed.**  
Letters addressed to Rosanna Roy and Emil Ruter are unclaimed at the Danielson postoffice this week.

Miss Elizabeth Woodworth is to have the members of the Nadel Arbeit club at her home on Tuesday afternoon.

**To Observe Passover.**  
Local Hebrews will leave tomorrow (Friday) for Norwich and Providence for the observance of the Feast of the Passover.

A game with the team of Norwich Free Academy is the first on the list of killingly high school's basketball schedule for this season.

Street signs are to be erected on a section of land to be owned by Brooklyn Heights on the West Side.

Miss Cecilia Colter of Saybrook has been the guest of Miss Katherine D. Ayward here April 10.

The April meeting of the selectmen was held in the town hall building Wednesday.

Danielson residents were well pleased that this place may receive free delivery mail service.

Choirs of the various churches in Danielson are engaged this week on the final rehearsals of the Easter music.

**Will Return from Florida.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gesmer A. Young and Mr. and Mrs. William Young, who have been spending the winter at Smyrna, Fla., will leave for home the end of this week and are expected to arrive here April 15.

**On Wednesday the selectmen received a petition signed by 56 residents and taxpayers of the Valley section of East Killingly, praying that a special town meeting be called for the purpose of considering the question of the rebuilding of the Valley school-house destroyed by fire in January.**

Since that time the pupils who attended the school have been attending the schools at Killingly Center and East Killingly, the town paying transportation costs. Under this arrangement the town has been under less expense than would have been in maintaining the school. The special meeting will probably be held during the present month.

**THREE MONTHS IN JAIL.**  
Punishment Meted to Daniel Reardon for Intoxication and Kicking Officer Green.

That it is very impolite to kick an officer in the stomach, especially when such an act is entirely wanton and uncalled for, and that any person who indulges in such a pastime will be made in Killingly to realize that he has been guilty of a sad mistake, was borne in upon Daniel Reardon, arrested near Attawapung, when he was presented before Deputy Judge James N. Tucker in the town court Wednesday.

Reardon had been in the town for intoxication and assault on Officer Hosea Green of Dayville. Officer Green was putting Reardon in the cell at the police station when the prisoner kicked him. Reardon was entitled to a thrashing then and there, but got off without it. For the assault on Tucker, sentenced Reardon to serve six months in jail; for the intoxication charge the court added another 30 days. Reardon appealed, but later withdrew his appeal and went to jail.

Henry Ruel was another prisoner in court Wednesday. He was given a sentence of 30 days for intoxication.

**DEEMS WIRES UNSIGHTLY.**  
Poles Ditto—Business Men's Association Favors Improvement.

The Danielson Business Men's association now is in favor of the removal of the mass of unsightly wires strung on rows of equally unsightly poles—to the eyes of those who look for the city beautiful effect—through the business section of Danielson, and the organization is also in favor of having the trolley company remove the wooden poles that support the overhead work of the system through Main street and replace them with metal poles as was done within the city limits of Putnam a few years ago.

Under such an arrangement as the association is in favor of the electric light, fire alarm telegraph and other wires would be run down streets parallel to those in the business section and distribution of service made accordingly.

**JOHN BURNS FOUND DYING.**  
Discovered by Officer Gordon Shortly After Bidding Patrolman Good Night—Expires After Being Taken Home.

As the result of a fall that caused concussion of the brain, John Burns died at about 2:30 Wednesday morning at his home on Mechanic street. Soon after midnight Tuesday Mr. Burns started from downtown to walk to his home. Within an hour afterwards Officer John Gordon, while making his rounds, passed through Academy street, near Bacon's building. He heard groaning and upon investigation found Mr. Burns lying face downward on the sidewalk on the east side of Mechanic street and at a point near the northerly end of the fence along the walk boundary of the A. F. Wood property.

Officer Gordon immediately summoned Dr. George M. Burroughs, who was taken to his home in a carriage from the Starkweather stables near by Dr. Burroughs was summoned and went to Mr. Burns' home, but he was unable to revive the injured man, who died within a short time, and before Dr. George M. Burroughs, medical examiner, arrived.

How Mr. Burns came to be injured never has been known. He was started by a fainting spell or sudden weakness and in falling forward struck his head on the walk in such a manner as to cause concussion of the brain. Officer Gordon said Wednesday morning that he had been talking with Mr. Burns for some time before he fell and that on leaving him the latter had said a cheerful good night. He had not complained of feeling ill. Mr. Burns must have fallen within two or three minutes after he parted from the night officer.

The announcement of the death was a decided surprise for everyone and a great shock for the many relatives and friends of the deceased. Mr. Burns had worked all day Tuesday up to 8 o'clock and had done a very hard day's work, as was his custom.

Mr. Burns was born in Brooklyn 53 years ago and had lived all his life in towns in this vicinity, the greater part of it in Danielson. For years he had been employed by the Young Brothers' company, and previous to that with another local company, since passed out of existence, that car-

ried on the same line of business. He was a man of exceeding affability, genial, cordial and friendly with everyone and these attractive traits of character won for him a host of friends. Sorrow was expressed on all sides over his sudden death. He was a member of St. James church. Practically, he was affiliated with Rose of Lima council, K. of C., and Court Oak.

Mr. Burns' wife, who was Miss Mary Riley, of Hampton, and the following children: Miss Kathleen Burns, Hartford, John C. Webster, Robert, New York, Mark, New London, and Miss Leah, a student in the State Normal school in Willimantic. Michael Burns of Willimantic is an only brother of the deceased.

**COM. BENNETT'S STATEMENT.**  
Just How Department Stands Concerning Construction of Road From Reynolds Street North.

The following letter from State Highway Commissioner C. J. Bennett will set forth the position of the department in the construction of the road from Reynolds street north to the Borough line of Danielson:

N. D. Prince, President, Danielson Business Men's Association, Conn.

Dear Sir: My attention has been called to an article in the Norwich Bulletin of Tuesday, April 7, which indicates that there is considerable misunderstanding in Danielson as to the intention of the Highway department in the construction of the road leading from Reynolds street north to the Borough line.

Permit me to call your attention to the following facts in this connection:

First: That the road itself, if built, must be built out of the State fund, and in order that the road already designated to be extended to Providence cannot be so extended.

Second: My letter of March 31, expressly states that there can be no modification in the original proposition made by the State Highway department of March 31, which provides for the paving only of the road from Five Mile River Bridge to Reynolds street and the construction of the road from Reynolds street to the Borough line.

In my letter of March 31, you will find the fact stated that "there is no hard and fast rule made for the laying down of permanent pavement before construction of under-ground pipes."

This is a general statement and does not apply specifically to Danielson, and I will say for your definite information that I cannot consent to the construction of any road within the Borough limits of Danielson unless the under-ground structures were built before the road.

The construction of the road, therefore, from Reynolds street to the Borough line would be necessary.

First: A provision for the construction of a sewer in this section of the road and also the construction of other underground structures which might be necessary.

Second: The transfer of the State Aid appropriation from the trunk line leading toward Providence to the trunk line from Reynolds street to the Borough line.

Yours truly,  
C. J. BENNETT,  
State Highway Commissioner.

**A Strong Play.**  
The Little Lost Sister, another strong play was presented by a strong company at the Orpheum theatre Wednesday evening and was appreciated as one of the best attractions that Manager J. F. Lewis has brought here in his endeavors to build up the standard of plays at the playhouse.

The Little Lost Sister got an advance notice in The Bulletin on Wednesday morning as having played on the night before, an error that didn't make anybody happy.

**PUTNAM**  
Firemen Present Watch to Foreman Fuller—National Bank to Have \$13,000 of Regional Bank Stock—White Rock Prisoner Released—City to Investigate Commission Form of Government.

Judge J. Harry Mann of the city court has appointed George Potvin probation officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allard have moved to Pomfret. Henry Allard is occupying the Allard home here.

Florence and Edna Tourtelotte were at Westbury Wednesday attending the wedding of a relative.

Miss Gertrude Hall, who is ill at her home in Nashua, N. H., is slowly gaining strength.

**Union Fast Day Service.**  
There is to be a Union Fast day service at the Advent church here Friday morning.

**Letters Not Called For.**  
Letters addressed as follows are unclaimed at the Putnam postoffice this week: W. F. Kelley, Frank Ruel, P. Cloutie, Peter A. Dorence, R. C. Goyette, Mrs. Annie M. Shea, Mrs. Alfred Lomez, Mrs. George A. Fulton, Miss Marjorie E. Peters, Mrs. Fred Frye.

**Holiday Postoffice Hours.**  
The postoffice is to be open only from 8:30 a. m. to 12 m. and 5:30 to 7 p. m., regular holiday hours on Fast day. The mail order and express delivery carriers will make the morning delivery and collection and the rural carriers will also serve their routes.

**Special City Meeting.**  
Mayor Archibald Macdonald has issued the usual form of warning for the special city meeting on Tuesday next, called for the purpose of allowing the voters to pass upon the proposition to make an appropriation of \$500 for street sprinkling until the sprinkling assessment is collected and to see if the common council will be authorized to purchase a pair of horses, a cart and proper harness, the appropriation therefor not to exceed \$500.

**Firemen's Gift to Foreman Fuller.**  
William S. Fuller is very well thought of by the members of Mansfield Hose company, No. 5, of which he is foreman. Wednesday his many friends in the city were inquiring the time of day of him and all because of the fact that he wanted a share in congratulating him on having received a gift of a fine open-faced gold watch from the members of the hose company, at a gathering Tuesday evening. Foreman Fuller was decidedly taken by surprise when the presentation of the gift was made on behalf of the firemen by Rev. C. J. Harriman, but he pulled himself together and graciously expressed his thanks and appreciation. The watch bears an inscription showing that it was presented by Mr. Fuller by the members of Mansfield Hose company, and the date of making the gift.

**Miss Daigle Won with 674,967 Votes.**  
Miss Lillian Daigle was the winner of the diamond ring offered by a local dealer to the young woman of the city who would receive the greatest number of votes in a contest arranged by the management. Her total was 674,967 and represents the efforts of many friends to have her win the trophy. Miss Irene Murray, the next highest, received 174,967 votes and Mrs. Fred Card, who was third in the list of contestants, received 24,151 votes. The contest stirred up considerable interest among the young people of the city.

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**HOLDINGS \$13,000.**  
Putnam National Bank to Pay Gold for Stock in Regional Bank.

The Putnam National bank's holdings in the stock of the regional bank to be established at Boston is to be \$13,000, this sum to be paid over in gold coin in exchange for the stock when the regional bank is established. The officials of the local institution signified their intention of having membership in the federal reserve some time since, as required by the terms of the newly enacted currency bill, and are ready to meet the stock subscription requirements as soon as called upon to do so.

It is expected that the regional bank will be able to pay five per cent. per annum on the stock to be issued to the national bank.

**Installed by Deputy Supreme Dictator.**  
At their hall here Wednesday evening Deputy Supreme Dictator Joseph A. Ryan of this city installed the newly elected list of officers, the list of these being as follows: Dictator, J. J. McGarry; vice dictator, Eugene Bernthume; prelate, Addis H. Welch; secretary, Thomas P. Ryan; treasurer, John A. Hart; inside guard, William J. Reid; outside guard, Jerry Sears; trustee for three years, Charles Miron; trustee for two years, Frank Cotton; trustee for one year, James Wilton; physicians, F. Perry, L. O. Morasse, J. N. Perreault, Francis Downing, George Barnes.

**ROPED AND SKIRTED.**  
But George Ferguson, of White Rock, Claims It Was Against His Will.

George Ferguson, the White Rock man who was arrested here Tuesday afternoon while wearing a woman's skirt, told more about himself Wednesday morning, when he was presented in the city court, and as to how he came to be in the predicament that caused his arrest. Ferguson pleaded guilty to having been intoxicated, but, after hearing his story, Judge J. Harry Mann continued his case on condition that he leave town.

Ferguson did not have on the skirt and rope that was coiled around him as a matter of choice, he told the court officials. He claims that he was sidged and roped against his will and also gave information as to who was responsible. Ferguson admitted that he was intoxicated at the time.

Wednesday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Michael Grimshaw was in Putnam and said that Ferguson was then at his home, where he asked to be permitted to stay until he recovered from the effects of being so tightly bound with rope. He complained of sharp pains in his chest and of spells of dizziness.

A communication was read from Mrs. Leonard stating that the rent of barn occupied by the city would be increased from \$5 per month to \$10 per month or that she would sell the property to the city for \$1,000. Referred to highway committee.

A communication was read from the Business Men's association stating that it believed that changes should be made in the equipment of the fire department and suggested that an automobile truck containing chemicals, ladders, etc., be purchased by the city also that hydrants be tested periodically and kept in good condition, that a whistle should be added to the first alarm service and that rubber coats and boots be supplied to all members of the department. The matter was referred to the fire department committee to investigate and report.

A communication was received from G. L. Baldwin, chairman of a clean-up week committee asking that a committee be appointed by the council to confer with him relative to the matter of disposal of garbage in the city. Referred to the ordinance committee.

Alderman George D. Clark, republican from ward 2, tendered his resignation and it was accepted. He is a letter carrier and stated the reason of his resigning that according to the rules of the department no letter carrier is permitted to hold an elective office in a municipal government whether for salary or otherwise. The resignation was accepted.

The mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of three to act with a committee of the Business Men's Association in making an investigation of the matter of commission form of government. The mayor appointed Aldermen Johnson, Byrne and Padgett.

The committee appointed to investigate the charges against the health officer reported that owing to a difference of opinion as to what was said at an interview there seemed to be no action which the council could take in the matter. The report was accepted.

It was voted that certain streets and parts of streets be sprinkled with oil and water.

The mayor was empowered to call a special city meeting for April 14 to see if the city would appropriate not to exceed \$500 for street sprinkling and an amount not to exceed \$500 for a pair of horses, cart and harness, and empower the council to borrow the money until the sprinkling tax is collected.

It was voted that the city clerk be requested to notify the city engineer that he will have to move from his present quarters in the municipal building.

The matter of laying a crosswalk on Laurel street was referred to the highway committee.

It was reported by the committee appointed to meet the water commissioners to see what arrangements could be made to have the superintendent of the water department charge of the sewer department that there had been no formal decision reached but it was believed that the consolidation would be made.

The committee on ordinances and the committee making an investigation relative to a horse street sweeper asked for more time.

The following were among the bills ordered paid: P. W. Seward \$20.82, C. Torrey \$102, Observer \$30.78, Light & Power company \$492.77, Albert Light \$26, George W. Perry \$51, teams for highways \$23.60, Putnam Coal & Wood Co., \$42.50, payroll fire department \$442.50, telephone \$28.55.

when he took a deep breath. Whether or not Ferguson is seriously injured was not known Wednesday.

Ferguson went to Attawapung immediately after being released from the city court. Sheriff Grimshaw has known him for a long time and says that he is harmless, though given at times to entertaining himself rather liberally. Sheriff Grimshaw expressed sympathy for Ferguson Wednesday and may make an investigation into the roping part of Tuesday's incidents in the case.

**COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.**  
To Be Investigated by Committee of Three from Common Council, Acting with Business Men's Association.

The monthly meeting of the common council was held Tuesday evening. Mayor Macdonald presiding and the following aldermen present: Dady, Johnson, Byrne, Duvert, Padgett, Bouthelette, Davis and LaRue.

Permits were granted E. J. Carpenter for verandah to house on School street, to H. S. Morse to rebuild and add to his home on School street.

The highway committee reported the matter of the layout of Woodstock avenue in accordance with a plan submitted at the last meeting and also reported that they found that in all cases the benefits equalled the damages and that no damages be assessed. Voted to accept the report and adopt the layout.

An application for an extension of the sewer system on Farrow's street was referred to the highway committee.

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